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From the Sighting Log-An Interesting Communication

by Joe Nyman

In June the Study Group received an interesting report about the past experiences of a Ms. Katherine Leiper of New London, Conn. who wrote to us through the courtesy of George Fawcett.

Ms. Leiper has recently become more interested in the UFO phenomenon and decided to relate two interesting experiences from Fall, 1968 near Palmdale, Calif. and another from Spring, 1973 near Dethan, Ala.

The second 1968 case is especially interesting because it is the report of an apparent non-telepathic communication between her, a friend and a UFO over a 40 minute interval.

As Ms. Leiper tells it, she and her friend Bonnie Harmon saw on two successive evenings, before night-fall, a bright white object having a flashing red light on its right and a flashing green light on its left. On the second evening their attention was drawn to it because of its apparent erratic motion. Whenever they looked up it seemed to be in a different part of the sky. On three successive observations over an estimated 3 minute interval the apparent positions were 40° S of zenith, 25° SW of zenith, 30° NW of zenith. At its last position it was right in front of them and the only light in the sky.

Suddenly, without apparent reason Ms. Leiper looked up at it and shouted-

"Are you following us? Blink once for 'yes' and twice for 'no'."

You can imagine their surprise when they saw the colored lights on both sides dim and then flash simultaneously in one bright distinct flash.

After their initial shock they asked "numerous" questions with the lights dimming between answers. As mentioned, the information session lasted for at least 40 minutes and perhaps longer.

Ms. Leiper reports that it was dark when they finally continued walking home. The red and green lights returned to a "pulsating, irregular pattern and were no longer dim". They were not as bright as when they flashed a yes-no answer.

When they finally reached home the last they saw of the lights was at 15° E of the zenith. On a final look before going in the lights were gone. The ladies watched for the UFO to return for several nights but to no avail.

This writer was intrigued enough by the story to call Ms. Leiper in Conn. for more details, but the incidents had taken place so long ago that she could add very little to her story as written. She did, however, remember getting a yes answer to her question of their ORIGIN IN ANOTHER GALAXY.

Five years later Ms. Leiper was living in Alabama and on a Spring night that year between 8-9 PM she and her father were travelling south on Rte. 231 just outside of Dethan. She was the first to see the object over the treetops and convinced her father to stop. The light or object was on her right and spanned "about 3 1/2 pine tree tops" (her sketch shows an oblong light). She estimates the trees as being about 50 feet from the road and that the light was "too large and unlike any of our military or civilian aircraft". Upon leaving the car she saw the light move over several treetops and apparently turn and hover for about ten or fifteen minutes. She then returned to the car at the insistence of her father but now wishes she had stayed longer.

It seems unfortunate that we have learned about these interesting events after such a long interval. Perhaps hypnetic regression could provide additional details but when I talked to Ms. Leiper she indicated that she would soon be joining the Service and would not be available. She promised, though, that if any new details came to light she would be in touch with us.



STURBRIDGE SIGHTING

The following is a witness' statement which appears on page 7 of MUFON report MA-76-21. This report was submitted by Elaine Poltz, a MUFON investigator.

"On the night of 12-13-76, at 9:20 P.M. I paid the toll at the Sturbridge exit of the Mass. Pike. It was a very clear extremely cold night and I was unable to open the window to pay the toll- I had to open the door. After paying the toll, I was on the exit ramp and was struggling to open the left side window when I spotted a large foot-ball (oval) shape object, surrounded by a pale yellow glow, passing on the left - I pulled to the side of the ramp to get a better look. The object was very low, and appeared to glide slowly through the sky.

Almost appeared to drift. It disappeared from view about 1 1/2 minutes after I first saw it. Traffic very light - Could notice no sound, as window was still frozen closed.

NEUFOSG Sighting Summary

ate	Time	Seen From	Witness	Maneuvers	Object(s) (Differing Scales)
7/20/77	12:30 AM	Nantasket	1	moving West	<p>TWO BLIPS OF LIGHT</p> 
7/10/51	10:15 AM	Lynchburg College Lynchburg, Va.	1	move up and down like a yo-yo on a string	 <p>AS VIEWED FROM FRONT</p>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dave Downs

The New England UFO Study Group's policy is one of Middle Ufology. We believe that all possible explanations for UFOs should be equally considered.

We have listened to many different and sometimes unpopular beliefs about the UFO subject. We've listened to many predictions that have not materialized and many claims that appear to be unfounded. Betty and Barney Hill spoke to our group over a decade ago when the abduction type UFO case did not enjoy the acceptance it does today. We certainly would not have had this opportunity if we limited our speakers to "currently acceptable beliefs or attitudes". We will listen (BUT NOT NECESSARILY BELIEVE) most any story or belief a person would like to "share" with us. This, I feel, is the only way to expose ourselves to all the possible explanations for the UFO phenomena.

I've found Ufology to be very similar to politics and religion. Everyone has his or her particular view and very few are willing or able to revise or change their opinion easily. It is common for a UFO buff to express the opinion that people who don't believe in UFOs are afraid of the truth; not able to listen to reason; etc. But this may not be so. Perhaps their level of acceptance for evidence is higher than ours.

Your level of acceptance is a result of everything that makes you an individual—your experiences, environment, etc. A believer will say, "How narrow minded are you?" A nonbeliever will say, "How gullible are you?"

I listened to Donald Keyhoe while he expressed his bewilderment over this question. He said that he didn't waste his time investigating cases involving silly space monsters (implying that he wasn't gullible). He gathered information on UFOs and couldn't understand why more people weren't convinced after hearing his evidence for UFOs. His level of acceptance was such that he could accept UFOs but not the monster stories that go with them. Others are able to accept evidence for both. And, as Mr. Keyhoe has found, still others won't accept evidence for either.

There should be no values placed on your level of acceptance. You are not necessarily intelligent or foolish, good or bad, level headed or crazy, narrow minded or gullible because your level of acceptance happens to fall above or below someone else's.

It is my feeling that everyone should enjoy freedom of opinion at our meetings, no matter where their level of acceptance is. It would be wrong to expect or want everyone in our group to agree as to the nature of the UFO phenomena. I feel that disagreement is important. Disagreement can and is a positive force in a group exploring questions for which answers may be many and varied. But disagreement can become a negative force when some or all of our members who disagree become impolite or threatening to one another.

We all should feel free to express our beliefs without being ridiculed. But we all should feel free to question others in a courteous manner also. An example of this would be the following. A member or guest comes to us with a UFO sighting. He or she saw a bright light which seemed to change color often. It moved very slowly in the sky near the horizon for a period of two hours. It was in the same direction as the planet Venus at that time of year. The witness got tired of watching this object and went to bed. I feel it is proper to question whether this was a space ship or a star (planet Venus). It may not be necessary for the witness to convince "the sceptic" or for "the sceptic" to convince the witness of the validity or non-validity of the sighting. The important thing is that we have all had an opportunity to listen to another UFO sighting and an alternative explanation (Venus). We will each make an individual judgement for ourselves according to our level of acceptability for evidence and other factors.

The following is a taped interview with Mr. Jim Roberts of Erie, Pa. Steve Putnam made this interview on May 17, 1975 and has allowed us to use it in the Newsletter.

S.P. is Steve Putnam

J.R. is Jim Roberts

S.P. Could you start from the beginning.

J.R. We were having a party over a friends house over on 17th St...and this boy come running up to me and he said that there were little green people about.. oh... four or five..... three feet tall.. yah...little green things he said. And I laughed at him but I.. He was afraid to go home so I went in the alley with him. And it was dark back there. And you could see movements of shrubs and so on and so forth. And then I seen this little green guy. And he took off across the alley..(he didn't want to be seen probably) and I thought it was a dog at first so I got closer and sure enough there he is... you know, so any way we kept looking around and looking around. I thought that somebody was playing jokes with a movie camera down there, you know, one of those projectors. So we kept looking and there were a few more of them. And they were giving the chase all over the alley. So I figured well we're going to catch one of them. So I got a whole gang of people together. There were teenagers..most of them. And there was one older adult. I don't even know who it was now. Any way, we swept the alley and we finally got this one trapped up against some garage doors. We had him there. We had our hands.. arms linked and we were down low and our elbows were together and all of a sudden he gave a sprang and he hit this one kid's arm and knocked his arm back and he got away from us. So I took after him and just as I got along side of a garage something hit me just like a T.V. set going off channel... just a white and black fuzz and I felt myself just like I was being torn apart and all of a sudden things just started going back together. Just started going slower and slower and slower and slower, you know, just sort of easing up until I was just seeing light again. And I was standing inside this big oval-shaped room and there was all silver... real bright polished silver the whole thing. And there was a box in front of me maybe about as big as this television set and it had a sloping front on it and as I recall it had like a ..an oval speaker in it. This is the only thing in the room that was a different color and it was sort of a ah...oh a blackish.. between a black and a brown. And on each side of this there were ah people... very beautiful in physique all very beautifully built...with ah... Their hair was..... have you ever seen an older person with curly hair? The white hair and the curly well groomed hair?

S.P. No.

J.R. Well this is the way all these people were. And there didn't seem to be any females there. They seemed to be all male.

S.P. Were they small also?

J.R. No, beautiful physiques...stature. All of them above 6 foot. I'm short and they towered above me,you know.

S.P. Yes.

J.R. And they didn't say a word to me. They didn't touch me, nothing. I just stood there and they sort of had the idea that here we were people that.... ah..... run in clans. You know what I mean? Well maybe it's the family thing here, you know, that we run in clans. But I was the oldest there in the alley and they maneuvered me to where I went to where they could get ahold of me and that's when they got me and took me and they said for me to bring a message back.....These people didn't talk to me at all.. the box did the talking. And I don't know if it was talking to me like you and I are talking or if it was...my brain was on fire....anyway I was scared, you know,once I had landed up there. And they said as long as the nations of the world kept fighting that they were going to have to in some way take over and they

gave the message that in 1995 if peace isn't made within the whole sphere of the world that the world will be turned into one big cinder. This is the message. Now I tried to get it to the Secretary of Defense. I called the Secretary of Defense and he told me to keep my mouth shut, go to bed and forget it. But that's about it.

S.P. The small people that you saw, what did they look like?

J.R. These people... it was explained to me... that these people were some sort of a projectroid... a projectroid.

S.P. A projectroid?

J.R. A projectroid. They weren't really real people. They were some sort of a projection

S.P. Oh.

J.R...that could be moved just like pawns anywhere they were needed. They were probably for maneuvering, you know, and at the same time they could defend themselves.....But I had one of them. I got too close to him. I grabbed for him, as little as he was, I don't know if he did it or if it was something he had on but it slammed me against the garage, back first, so hard that it knocked the wind out of me! I was standing between these two kids when I made the dive and what ever it was just stopped me dead and picked me right up off my feet about that far and just slammed me into that garage and I felt the boards give when I hit and it knocked the wind out of me. I sat there for about five minutes to get my wind back. These two kids didn't know what was going on. All of a sudden-slam- there goes Jim!, you know.

S.P. What did these creatures look like? Did they have clothes on?

J.R. No, No, just..just green. We didn't get really that close to them to see them because it was dark there in that alley. But they were movable things. They could really move too, I mean...

S.P. Were they human in shape?

J.R. Head, shoulders, arms, ah the regular length for the body and the little short legs. But they were in proportion. I mean they weren't these elfen looking things with the long ears or anything. They seemed to be in proportion to their bodies. The whole thing seemed to be in proportion.

S.P. Did they look human in all respects?

J.R. Yeh, only small.

S.P. In other words their faces and everything were....

J.R. Faces and everything on them were ah....but you....the way they were built...you couldn't really distinguish features. You know, whether they had a nose or a mouth or what ever. It would be hard for me to say, you know.

S.P. Because it was so dark or?

J.R. Right, right and they moved so fast, you know, you just couldn't corner one of them. Like the one we had cornered there was just a split second and he was gone, you know, and he made his break and got away.

S.P. Could you tell whether they were male or female?

J.R. No, no.

S.P. Did the little creatures say anything?

J.R. They didn't say a word. Not a word. As a matter of fact the way they moved they were even silent. You couldn't even hear them running.

S.P. So some of the people could see them and some of them could not?

J.R. Yeh, Well everybody...now they would be at one end of the alley and we would see them and we would start towards them and the little fellas' would wind up at the other end. Just playing cat and mouse, you know, as though they were just slipping by us. Now whether they were just going through the back yards or what ever I don't know.

S.P. Or were they projected?

J.R. Right, right. They were called projectroids. This is one thing I did learn. They didn't want to know who I was. They thought I was the leader of a clan. ~~Maybe~~ ^{Probably} because I had all these kids with me. And I was the oldest.

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new england **UFO** study group

Founded 1959

MEETING CHANGE!

October 1, 1977

DAVID DOWNS
PRESIDENT

Dear Members, Alumni, and Friends,

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

It is with great pleasure that we announce that George Fawcett, founder and past president of the NEUFOSG will be our guest speaker at our October 16th meeting to be held at The All Souls Universalist Unitarian Church, corner of Elm, Charles and Church Streets in Braintree, Massachusetts. Admission for non-members, 17 years old or older is \$1.00. The meeting will begin promptly at 2:00 P.M. Please note that the date for this meeting has been changed from the previously published date.

George Fawcett has been investigating UFOs since 1947. He has published numerous articles and is the author of the book, "A Quarter Century Studies of UFOs in Florida, North Carolina and Tennessee." He has also founded several other UFO study groups.

George will present a lecture followed by a slide presentation, concluding with a question and answer period. Included in his presentation will be a talk on the early history of the NEUFOSG.

Because of the nature of this meeting we look forward to the presence of former members and their friends who knew George in his previous capacity as president and founder.

Coffee will be served. Donations of refreshments will be gratefully accepted.

The program originally scheduled for the October meeting will be presented at a future date.

DIRECTIONS TO THE MEETING

Going SOUTH on Rt. 128 or Rt. 3

At junction of Rt. 128 and Rt. 3, continue SOUTH on 3, take first exit -- WASHINGTON ST. BRAINTREE. First left -- then first right around South Shore Chrysler (Church St.). Proceed to end of Church St. as far as you can (Elm St.) which is 1/3 mile. The Church is on the LEFT but the entrance is on Charles St. so go around the church. Parking is on Elm St. and one side of Charles St.

Going NORTH on Rt. 3

Union St. Braintree exit
Turn off to right -- up Union St.
First LEFT (Cleveland Ave.)
Cleveland Ave. becomes Middle St.
Left on Elm St.
Third St. on the RIGHT is Charles St. and location of Church.